

July 18, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26, 2000

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 26, 2000**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of June 21, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve June 21, 2000 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

*** ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*7. <u>Regional Household Activity Survey Consultant Selection</u> A consultant evaluation group comprised of member agency representatives recommended that Nustats Research and Consulting be selected	7. Approve that Nustats Research and Consulting be selected to conduct the Household Activity Survey for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
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to conduct the Regional Household Activity Survey for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Data collected from this survey will be used to calibrate the regional travel demand models. The Management Committee recommended approval of the consultant. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Federal FY 2000 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout

To complete the final closeout of the FY 2000 MAG Federally funded program, the Transportation Review Committee identified three projects as priorities for any redistributed or additional Obligation Authority (OA) that may become available in FY 2000: (1) \$230,000 for the MAG Regional Transportation Plan; (2) up to \$354,500 of the federal share of the project cost for the City of Mesa Consolidated Canal project; and (3) any additional uncommitted OA should be targeted to accelerate RPTA transit vehicles from future years. No TIP amendment is necessary to proceed with the three recommended projects. The Management Committee recommended approving the closeout. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Amendment to the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Include Scope Changes on Loop 303 and SR 51/Loop 101 Interchange

MAG has received requests to revise two projects from ADOT and two projects from Maricopa County. A regional emissions analysis was completed on these four projects. For these projects to proceed, it is necessary to amend the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP (which is expected to be approved at the July Regional Council meeting) to include these revised projects. Consultation on the conformity assessment for this amendment is considered under a separate agenda item. The Management Committee recommended approving the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Approve the following three projects as priorities for any uncommitted, redistributed or additional Obligation Authority that may become available in FY 2000: (1) \$230,000 for the MAG Regional Transportation Plan; (2) up to \$354,500 of the federal share of the project cost for the City of Mesa Consolidated Canal project; and (3) any additional uncommitted OA should be targeted to accelerate RPTA transit vehicles from future years.

9. Approve an amendment to the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to change the following projects: State Route 51, Bell Road to Union Hills Drive and State Route 51, Union Hills Drive to the Pima Freeway, to increase the number of through lanes from six to seven; and Estrella Interim Loop (Phase I): Intersection Grand Ave to Reems Road and Estrella Interim Loop (Phase 2A): Reems Road to El Mirage Road to increase the number of lanes being added from one lane to two lanes in each direction.

*10. MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2001 Update

Each year, MAG updates the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report. The Update is prepared as a guide for jurisdictions to use in selecting projects to be included in the FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP. It includes results of six management systems as well as socioeconomic factors. The Management Committee recommended accepting the report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Recommendations to Undertake an Environmental Impact Statement and Protect Right-of-Way for the South Mountain Parkway

In January, the Regional Council formed the South Mountain Agency Stakeholders Group. The purpose of the Group was to examine ways to protect the right-of-way in the South Mountain Corridor. On May 2, 2000, the Group reached a consensus that a full Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be completed for this entire corridor and that right-of-way for this corridor should be protected from development. The recommended action does not change the \$85 million funding set aside for this corridor. The Management Committee concurred with the Stakeholder Group recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Accept the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2001 Update.

11. Approve amending the draft FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program to include \$6 million in FY 2001 for an Environmental Impact Statement and Design Concept Report for the South Mountain Parkway; identify the South Mountain Parkway as eligible for system-wide right-of-way protection funds totaling \$5 million per year FY 2001-2003; and authorize \$18.954 million in FY 2002 for advance right-of-way acquisitions throughout the corridor, as needed.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*12. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update

The Draft 2000 Conformity Analysis concludes that the draft Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. The public comment period was extended to July 10, 2000. Approval of the conformity finding by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and LRTP. The Management Committee

12. Approve the Finding of Conformity for the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update.

recommended approving the finding of conformity. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *13. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Administrative Adjustment to the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Since Regional Council approval of the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis, 100 minor project revisions and 13 exempt projects have been received (Errata Sheet Five). An administrative adjustment to the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to incorporate these projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *14. Consultation for a Proposed Amendment to the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Emissions Analysis

An amendment to the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been prepared to accommodate two projects requested by the Arizona Department of Transportation and changes to two projects from Maricopa County. MAG has performed a regional emissions analysis and the results indicate that these proposed changes do not affect the finding of conformity for the draft TIP, Long Range Transportation Plan, and draft 2000 Conformity Analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *15. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Amendment to the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Include an Environmental Impact Statement for the South Mountain Corridor

An amendment to the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to add an Environmental Impact Statement and Design Concept Report project for the South Mountain Parkway in FY 2001 at a cost of \$6 million. The proposed project may be categorized as exempt and does not require a

13. For consultation.

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conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*16. Contract Amendment with Planning Technologies to Provide for Enhancements to the MAG Socioeconomic Projections Model

MAG is recommending an amendment to the Planning Technologies contract to enhance the MAG Socioeconomic Projections Model. Funding for this project was included in the 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program. The enhancements to the model will facilitate MAG's preparation of the next round of socioeconomic projections, as well providing our member agencies with enhanced capabilities to evaluate their own land use and development plans. The Management Committee recommended approving the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Approve amending the contract with Planning Technologies to increase the contract by \$100,000 for a revised contract amount from \$109,772 to \$209,772 to provide for enhancements to the MAG Socioeconomic Projections Model.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

17A. Draft FY 2000 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report

As a part of the final phase of the MAG FY 2000 Public Involvement Process, on June 26, 2000, an informational open house, followed by a public hearing, was held before representatives from the MAG Transportation Review Committee, MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee and State Transportation Board. This meeting provided an opportunity for review and final comment on the draft LRTP, TIP, and Conformity Analysis. The public input opportunity was extended to July 10, 2000. The Management Committee recommended accepting the Public Input Opportunity Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17A. Accept the draft FY 2000 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

17B. Approval of the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG Region for up to the next five years. The draft TIP comprises 954 highway projects costing \$3.375 billion (\$686 million federal) and 327 transit projects costing \$1.087 billion (\$630 million federal). Changes to the draft TIP approved in March are shown on the attached Errata Sheet Five. The finding of conformity for the draft TIP and the consultation on changes included in the errata sheet are considered as separate agenda items. The Management Committee recommended approval of the draft TIP. ADOT is working on the elements of the Environmental Assessment which details the mitigation efforts. Staff is recommending that the HOV lane construction project on US 60 be contingent upon the Environmental Assessment developed by ADOT and approved by the Federal Highway Administration as a condition for implementation of the project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17C. Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2000 Update

Staff is recommending approval of the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan which includes the following: (1) Grand Avenue Major Investment Study; (2) Pedestrian Plan 2000; (3) extending the time horizon to 2020; and (4) incorporation of changes from the draft FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program. The Management Committee recommended approval of the update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

18. Requested Change to SR 51/Loop 101 Interchange

The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that the scope for the Union Hills to the Pima Freeway section of State Route 51 be increased by \$5.077 million. The increase is related to ADOT recommendations for design

17B. Approve the draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, including Errata Sheet Five, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans; and with the HOV lane construction project on US 60 being contingent upon the Environmental Assessment developed by ADOT and approved by the Federal Highway Administration as a condition for implementation of the project.

17C. Approve the draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2000 Update contingent upon a finding of conformity of the LRTP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

18. Approve the request to increase the scope for the Union Hills to Pima Freeway Project on SR 51 so that the requested elements can be added to the project.

modifications needed to improve the operational characteristics of the project. The Management Committee recommended approval of the scope change. Please refer to the enclosed material.

19. Status Report on West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Plan

In May, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included a \$450,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation Enhancement Funds Program to develop a non-motorized transportation plan for the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor. MAG staff will provide a status report on the project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

20. Development of New Regional Transportation Plan

With the scheduled completion of the Regional Freeway Program in 2007, a new Regional Transportation Plan is needed to guide the continued development of the region's transportation system. The update of this plan is proposed to be completed in two phases: phase one is policy development and phase two is identification of future transportation facilities. The MAG FY 2001 Work Program includes \$280,000 for consultant services to complete the first phase of this project. On June 27, 2000, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended that this project be advertised and that the project be increased. Additional funding is available from the closeout of the FY 2000 MAG federal funds. The Management Committee recommended increasing the budget for the project from \$280,000 to \$510,000. They also believed the effort will cost more and the Regional Council needs to be alerted to their concerns. The Management Committee requested that a meeting be held to further refine the concept for the project. A meeting was held on July 14, 2000 and a revised concept was sent to the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee which will meet on July 25, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

19. For information and discussion.

20. Approve issuing a Request for Proposals for consultant support for development of the Regional Transportation Plan and to increase the project from \$280,000 to \$510,000 in Federal FHWA STP closeout funds (including amending the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for these increased funds).

AIR QUALITY ITEM21. Draft Model Dust Control Ordinance Alternatives

The MAG Regional Council directed that a Model Dust Control Ordinance be developed that would allow member agencies to enforce dust control rules and cite violators. A model ordinance was developed during two workshops. An additional model ordinance was prepared which more closely follows Regional Council direction. Both alternatives have been distributed for review and comment. The Management Committee recommended soliciting additional comments on the model dust control alternatives. Please refer to the enclosed material.

21. Approve soliciting additional comment on the model dust control alternatives.